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INCOME FROM AGRICULTURAL SOURCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agriculture as source of income differs for Indian and American farmers;

(b) if so, whether the agriculture is a loss incurring profession for Indian farmers while for the American farmers it is a profitable profession;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the production rate of wheat in India as compared to that of America?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c) The data on cost and returns collected under the Comprehensive Scheme forStudying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in India shows that Indian agriculture islargely a profit making profession. The comparative profitability data of American agriculture however, is not available.

(d) The estimates of cost of cultivation of wheat in major wheat growing states of India asalso in America are given in the table below:-

Table

Statement Showing the Cost of Cultivation of Wheat in Major Wheat Growing States of India and America.

(Unit: Rs./Hac.)

Country	State	Year	Cost of Cultivation (Cost C2)
India	Punjab	1997-98	17333.89
	Haryana	1997-98	17081.60
	M.P.	1997-98	9365.52
	U.P.	1997-98	13343.91
	Rajasthan	1997-98	14266.69
America		1998	17886.00+

\+ Economic Cost
Sources:
(i) DE&S and
(ii) Doane's Agricultural
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